

# INFOGUIDE

## SPOTLIGHT

A guide to what's happening in the Markham/Stouffville area

### EVENTS

- **DEC. 22:** The Evasons of Stouffville appear on *Grand Illusion* on Discovery Channel, 9:30 p.m.
- **DEC. 25:** Hypnotist The Incredible Boiss at Comedywood, Thornhill. (905) 761-0543
- **TO DEC. 31:** Lamplight Country Christmas at Black Creek Pioneer Village (416) 736-1733
- **TO JAN. 10:** A Cabin of Curiosities: collectors and collecting, at Markham Museum, (905) 294-4578.

### ARTS

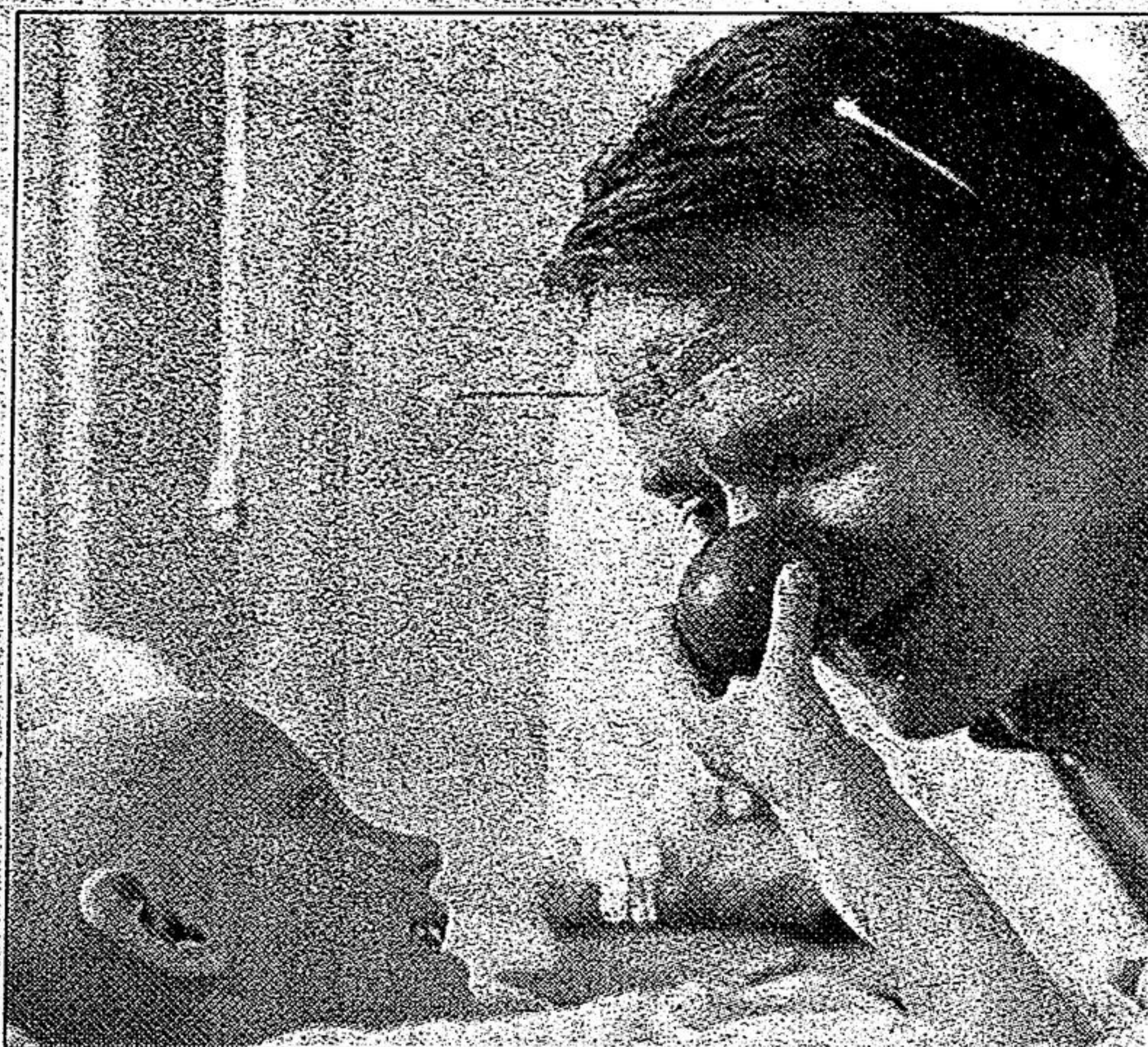
- **THROUGH DEC.:** Masks of the Northwest Coast exhibition at McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinburg. (905) 893-1121.
- **TO JAN. 31:** Before the Land, Beyond the Camera, at Varley Art Gallery, Unionville. (905) 477-9511.

### THEATRE

- **DEC. 27:** Ontario Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker* at Newmarket Theatre. 953-5122.
  - **TO JAN. 17:** *Weekend Comedy* at Champagne Dinner Theatre, Howard Johnson Hotel, Markham. 475-8895.
- ### ROAD TRIPPING
- **DEC. 22, 23:** Rob McConnell & Boss Brass at Limelight Dinner Theatre in Toronto. (416) 485-5200.
  - **DEC. 25 TO JAN. 3:** Disney on Ice at SkyDome. (416) 872-1212.
  - **DEC. 26 TO JAN. 17:** Slava's Snowshow at Royal Alexandra Theatre. (416) 872-1212.
  - **JAN. 1:** Canada's New Year's Day salute to Vienna at Roy Thomson Hall. (416) 872-4255.
  - **JAN. 2:** The Disgusted by Pop Festival II, all-ages show, featuring eight bands - including PIN from Markham - at the Reverb Room, Queen Street West. (416) 504-0744.

## FILM CLIPS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES



Robin Williams stars in *Patch Adams*, based on the true story of a compassionate but outrageous medical student, opens in theatres this week.

### Patch Adams

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**STARRING:** Robin Williams, Daniel London, Monica Potter and Philip Seymour Hoffman. Directed by Tom Shadyac.

**THE STORY:** It's based on the true story of a compassionate but outrageous medical student who risks his career by defying the medical profession with his unwavering belief that laughter is the best medicine.

**M\*A\*S\*H AGAIN:** Turned off by the hard-sell

Hollywood offers to turn his book into a movie, the real Patch Adams went to actor and friend Mike Farrell (a.k.a. B.J. Hunnicutt in TV's *M\*A\*S\*H*). "Please don't make it a goofy doctor film," he pleaded.

**SERIOUS BUSINESS:** Inspired to become a doctor while institutionalized for depression as a teenager, Patch Adams attended the Medical College of Virginia. After graduation, he formed his own centre, dedicated to a more personalized approach to medicine — the Gesundheit Institute.

## NEW ON VIDEO

SNAPSHOTS OF THIS WEEK'S RELEASES

This week's video releases, along with some capsule reviews from film critics:

**WRONGFULLY ACCUSED** with Leslie Nielsen. "Because the take-off on *The Fugitive* isn't funny enough to sustain a feature film, the picture veers off to incorporate elements of other Harrison Ford movies. Watching this movie is like watching an 84-minute Jay Leno sketch." (Star)

**BLADE** starring Wesley Snipes and Stephen Dorff. "Lots of blood and mayhem, which makes the movie visually arresting — especially in the first reel, which features a bloodbath at a vampire disco that tops the infamous elevator flood in *The Shining*. It really pours on the gore." (Star)

Other films scheduled for release this week include the animated *The Secret of Nimh 2*, *Facade* and the made-for-TV *The Rat Pack*.

## FACT-FINDER

Insight into some of life's ordinary issues and problems

### This week:

What's the best way to cook a turkey?

#### First

Frozen turkeys must be completely thawed before cooking. Make sure there are no ice crystals inside the body cavity. The legs should feel flexible, rather than rigid. Ensure it is at room temperature when you are ready to cook. Rinse the turkey before cooking.

#### Stuffing the bird

Preheat oven to 425°F. Stuff the turkey using your favourite stuffing.

Recipes usually advise only stuffing the neck cavity and not to pack the stuffing too tightly, however the body cavity can be filled too, but only if the turkey is thoroughly defrosted. Tuck skin under the bird and truss with the wings folded under the body and the legs tied together. Spread softened butter generously over the turkey.

#### Putting it in the oven

Most turkeys require 20 minutes cooking time per pound. Line a large roasting tin with foil then place turkey in the tin. Cover with foil. Cook at 425°F for 40 minutes and then lower the temperature to 325°F or 170°C and cook for a further three hours. Remove the turkey from the oven and then increase the oven temperature to 400°F. Uncover the foil from the turkey.

Baste the turkey using the turkey juices in the roasting pan. Return to the oven for approximately 40 minutes allowing the turkey to brown, basting often to prevent the meat drying out.

#### When is it done

Insert a skewer into the thickest part of the thigh. If the juices run clear it is ready; if not return to the oven for a little longer. Leave the turkey to stand for up to 30 minutes to allow the flesh to firm up, making carving easier.

Remember to save the pan juices for the gravy.

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(N. of Hwy. 7)  
(905) 882-5235

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